

Species Election

The Examiner further required Applicants to elect one species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is found allowable. The Examiner requests election of one microorganism as recited in claim 20, and one of (a) a recombinant protein or enzyme, (b) a fine chemical, and (c) a carboxylic and/or amide as recited in claims 25-26.

In claim 20, Applicants provisionally elect *Alcaligenes*.

In claims 25-26, Applicants provisionally elect fine chemicals.

Claims 14-21, 23 and 25 are readable upon the elected species.

Applicants respectfully reserve all rights to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141 upon the allowance of a generic claim.

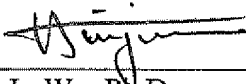
CONCLUSION

For at least the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicants reserve all rights to pursue the non-elected species in one or more divisional application.

Applicants are submitting their response within the one-month response period. No fee is believed due. However, if any fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 12810-00105-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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